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Representative Brooks: Safety on Highway 33 a Top Priority

Madison, WI—This week, I had the opportunity to speak with Wisconsin Department of Transportation Secretary-designee Craig Thompson regarding safety concerns at the intersection of State Highway 33 and County Road I, the site of another fatal accident, this weekend.

"Meetings are taking place and plans are being made for some new signage or other methods to immediately improve the safety of everyone utilizing this intersection. Secretary-designee Thompson assured me that funding is available and his staff will move quickly to take corrective measures," Representative Brooks stated.

Secretary-designee Thompson has offered to visit Ozaukee County to discuss all possible long-term solutions to enhance public safety. This intersection was reconfigured about 15 years ago for the same safety concerns. As such, it is imperative that this situation is addressed in the near-term.

"Safety is the first priority for everyone at our department. Our staff is actively analyzing all viable options for long-term safety improvement at this location. They are also looking into safety measures that can be incorporated as quickly as possible," WisDOT Secretary-designee Craig Thompson said. "I appreciate Representative Brooks' concern and his proactive efforts to work with the department to provide an improved intersection at WIS 33 and Ozaukee County I."

In the interim, please realize that this is currently a 55 mile-per-hour intersection located at the bottom of several hills and traffic on Highway 33 is often exceeding 55 miles per hour because of gaining momentum going down the hill. Please be patient and allow plenty of time to get through the intersection.

"After conversing with Secretary-designee Thompson, I am confident that action will be taken to increase the safety of this intersection. If you have suggestions for short-term and long-term solutions, please reach out to my office. Your input and suggestions are paramount for improving the safety of this intersection," Representative Brooks said.

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